

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): The Government will consider that suggestion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I may also be allowed to say that recently the particular sub-section of the "Other Christians" is not found mentioned in the Gazette. Formerly different sub-sections were particularly shown. Will the Government be pleased to continue the old practice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): That can easily be done.

ASSISTANT TO THE WAR PUBLICITY OFFICER—DUTIES OF

345. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) what are the duties of the recently appointed Assistant to the War Publicity Officer;
- (b) what is his salary and allowance, if any;
- (c) for what period is the appointment?
- (d) is his salary to be paid out of Cochin State funds?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Two Honorary Assistants have been appointed for the War Publicity Officer, one at Ernakulam and the other at Trichur. The duties of the two Honorary Assistants will be to assist the War Publicity Officer in war publicity work and in war efforts; also war fund collection in the Southern and Northern divisions of the State respectively.

(b) No salary is granted; but the Honorary Assistant at Ernakulam has been granted an honorarium of Rs. 50 per mensem from 25th April 1942.

(c) The period has not been fixed; but the appointments are expected to be continued for the duration of the war.

(d) The honorarium is paid out of State Funds.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether the Ernakulam man is given an honorarium and the other man is not given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): The Ernakulam Assistant also started as an unpaid servant and after a long time he was given this honorarium.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): To this expenditure do we get a contribution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is not this expenditure connected with the war?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): It has nothing to do with the military expenditure.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): For all expenditure connected with the war we must get a contribution.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): This is for our own good.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is it not to protect us from the external enemies that all this is done?

ACTING A. R. P. OFFICER, TRICHUR—NAME OF

346. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state the name of the person who has been appointed to act for the A. R. P. Officer, Trichur, when he goes for training?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): Mr. A. Balakrishna Menon, B.A., B.L., A. R. P. Instructor. He is only in charge of the duties of the A. R. P. Officer.

COCHIN POTTERIES—P. C. R. WORKS—PARTICULARS OF EXPENDITURE

347. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സ്. മണി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

കൊച്ചിൻ പോട്ടറീസിൽ പി. സി. ആർ.നും മറ്റുമായികൊടുത്ത രൂ. ൫൦൦ ക. ചിലവുചെഴ്ത്തിട്ടുള്ള ഇനവിവരം കാണിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പട്ടിക തയ്യാറാക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. മാത്യു: ഇനവിവരം കാണിക്കുന്ന പട്ടിക താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്നു.—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Providing belt guards to the belt attached to the grinding cylinder	24	8	2
2. Renewing hand rails of stair case	8	4	4
3. Repairing roof of fuel shed where coal is stored	136	4	1
4. Raising the parapets of wells	105	10	3
5. White washing the main building	42	1	0
6. Providing guards to the toothed wheel attached to grinding cylinder	50	0	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
7. Providing attachment to the boilers for fixing the Inspectors standard pressure ..	30	0	0
8. Repairs to the 3 kilns ..	250	0	0
9. Repairs to pug mills ..	300	0	0
10. Levelling the compound ..	100	0	0
11. Paving with bricks the engine room, shafting length of the floor south of the place where green jars are stocked ..	532	1	3
12. Extending latrine ..	285	3	1
13. Office building—repairs ..	47	2	6
	1,911	2	8

എന്നാൽ ഈ പണികൾ എല്ലാം ൧,൫൦൦ ക-ക്കു വെട്ടുകൊള്ളാമെന്നു മാനേജിങ്ങ് ഡയറക്ടർ സമ്മതിച്ചിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ചിലവാക്കിയ തുക ൧,൫൦൦ ക. മാത്രമാണു്.

DRIVER IN THE COCHIN POTTERIES—LEAVE OF

348. Mr. C. K. S. Moni (Nominated): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is any qualified driver in the Cochin Potteries, Chalakkudi;

(b) has he taken any leave after the factory has been leased to the present private agency;

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, how many times and for what periods?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government):

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) He has taken casual leave occasionally when the Engine Department is not working and sick leave from 10th Thulam 1116/26th October 1940 to 11th Vrischigam 1116/26th November 1940.

FOOD PRODUCTION SCHEME—STARTING OF

349. Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters):

(a) is the food produced in the State sufficient to feed the population of the State;

(b) if not, will the Government start a food production drive;

(c) if so, what is the plan adopted by the Government?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government):

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) The scheme is contained in the Government Proceedings dated 20th March 1942, P6-16296 of 1117 published in the Gazette dated 21st March 1942.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): Will the Government be pleased to note very seriously that the first step in the development of food production will be drainage and irrigation?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): Yes.

LEASES FOR CULTIVATION OF FOOD CROPS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

350. Mr. C. R. Iyyunny (Trichur-South): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government intend to assign or lease lands fit for cultivation for growing paddy and other food-stuffs;

(b) what the acreage, if any, so set apart;

(c) what are the terms under which they are to be assigned or leased?

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government):

(a) Yes, to lease for a period of 3 years.

(b) The exact acreage cannot be ascertained at present.

(c) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the Government Proceedings dated 20th March 1942, P6-16296 of 1117 published in the Gazette dated 21st March 1942.

Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government): In this connection I have subsequently been able to get some information. The Special Tahsildar says that about 7,000 acres of forest exclusions will be available for leasing. The Conservator of Forests informs me that about 6,000 acres of reserve forests have already been leased. Then about 12,000 acres consisting of cattle grazing grounds, village reserves and village *porambores* will be available. They have started work in ten camps. I understand that they have ratified the distribution of lands made by village committees to the extent of two thousand acres till now.